

Amendment to the Specification

At the indicated page and line numbers, please replace the existing paragraph with the one set forth below.

(Page 7, lines 23 through 28) Desirably the nucleic acids of the invention encode a loading module and/or one or more extension modules. ~~More detail concerning varieties of loading modules may be found in our copending international patent application (PCT/GB99/02044), entitled "Polyketides and their synthesis", filed 29 June 1999.~~